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Deputy Sean Sherlock, Dáil Éireann, Dublin 2

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"To ask the Minister for Health if he will re-establish local testing centres in north Cork for Covid-19."

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare currently has two permanent and one temporary testing locations in Cork, and one in Kerry.

The Lee Covid testing site on the north side of Cork city is a convenient location to service the North Cork population.

There is sufficient capacity at the existing centres in Cork to meet demand, and the majority of people referred in Cork receive an appointment on either the same day, or early the next day i.e. within 24 hours. The situation is monitored on an on-going basis so that we can respond to increased demand quickly.

I trust this information is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Priscilla Lynch